

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT KNOXVILLE**

SANDY LEANDER MCCLELLON,

Plaintiff,

v.

**BENNETT, QUALITY
CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE,
CUMBERLAND CO. JAIL, CASEY
COX, CCJC SHERIFF and TIM
CLAFIN,**

Defendants.

No.: 3:20-CV-077-PLR-DCP

MEMORANDUM OPINION

The Court is in receipt of a pro se prisoner's civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 [Doc. 1] and a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* [Doc. 2].

Plaintiff's complaint involves his treatment while confined in the Cumberland County Jail [Doc. 2]. The general venue statute for federal district courts provides in relevant part, as follows:

A civil action may be brought in — (1) a judicial district in which any defendant resides, if all defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located; (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated; or (3) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court's personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.

28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1)-(3). A federal district court may transfer a civil action to any district or division where it could have been filed originally "in the interest of justice." 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

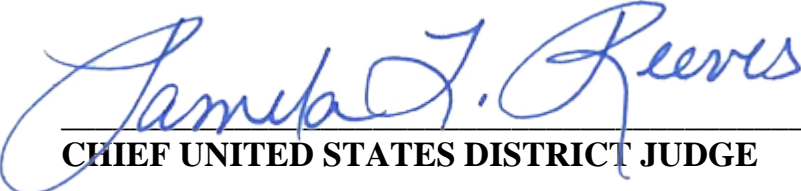
As set forth above, Plaintiff's complaint sets forth claims arising in Cumberland County, Tennessee. Cumberland County lies within the Northeastern Division of the Middle District of

Tennessee. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 123(b). The Court therefore concludes that the proper venue for this case is the Northeastern Division of the Middle District of Tennessee.

Accordingly, the Clerk will be **DIRECTED** to transfer this action to the Northeastern Division of the Middle District of Tennessee and **CLOSE** this Court's file.

AN APPROPRIATE ORDER WILL ENTER.

ENTER:



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE